

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 0004 to read as follows:

Pertussis toxin (PT) is one of the various components produced by virulent B. pertussis, the microorganism that causes whooping cough. Whooping cough is a serious infection of the respiratory system that at one time was responsible for the death of 5,000 to 10,000 people in the United States each year. Since the advent of the whooping cough vaccine the number of whooping cough related deaths has been reduced to less than 20 annually. Currently, about 50% of all whooping cough infections occur in children less than 1 year old, and only 15% occur in children over than 15 years old. ~~Kids Health.org (visited March 23, 2000)~~

http://kidshealth.org/parent/common/whooping_cough.html.